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A treatise on Austin Complete Foundry Service, which embraces Industrial Reports and Appraisals, Financing, Plant Layout, Design, Construction, Foundry Equipment and its Installation.

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THE FOUNDRY COMPLETE

The Foundry Field is Highly Specialized and its Planning both as to Building and Equipment requires a Highly Specialized Service. This Book tells of Austin Performance in the Foundry Field.

The Foundryman and His Problems

HE foundryman, in carrying on his business, has to meet a set of conditions peculiar to his own industry. His plant is like no other manufacturing establishment. His equipment is adapted to nothing else than the melting of metal and turning it into marketable shapes for a multitude of industries.

The planning of a new foundry therefore, or the extension or alteration of a foundry now in operation involves the exercise of judgment and the application of specific knowledge gained in this particular field.

This applies both to the design of the building intended to house the new establishment or the changes in the old, as well as the selection of the equipment for either.

The industry is endeavoring to keep in step with all other fields in the matter of improved devices for the perfection of the product of the foundry, increasing the volume of production, and lightening the burden of labor.

Therefore, it is a matter of pride with The Austin Company that Austin Engineers are keeping in touch with every new and proved development in the foundry field that makes for greater efficiency in foundry practice. In this connection, however, Austin clients may feel assured that their own interests are well safeguarded, for Austin Engineers are guided by this wise dictum,

"Be not the first by whom the new is tried, Nor yet the last to lay the old aside."

This book presents a few of many Austin-Planned, Austin-Built and Austin-Equipped Foundries—foundries turned over to their owners all ready for pouring the first hear.

That is what is meant by Austin Unit Responsibility—the shouldering of the whole load by the Austin Organization—one contract with one organization equipped to render Complete Service in the realization of The Foundry Complete,

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The New Foundry

Preliminary Considerations

A S the new foundry begins to take shape of considerations present themselves for attention.

The major grouping of these considerations

- I. Inception
- II. Construction
- III Production

In the majority of cases outside assistance is required to insure the proper procedure.

In order that this assistance may be given aright, specially trained artisans are required, who preferably are within a single organization. Here maximum results should be secured

Further subdivisions:

I. Inception

- Inception
- 1. Proper type and size of foundries
- 2. Appraisals and Financing.
- 3. Industrial reports and recommenda-
- tions as to plant development.
- Location with respect to:
 (a) Suitable supply and price of raw
 - materials.
 - (b) Available labor market.
 - (c) Desirable highway and railroad
 - facilities.
 - (d) Geographical advantages.(e) Disposal of waste materials.
 - (f) Proper soil bearing values.
 (g) State or city codes or restric-
 - tions.
 (h) Abundance of power supply and
 - advantageous rates.

 (i) Fire hazards and insurance re-
 - quirements.

 (j) Purchase or lease of adjacent
 - property for future expansion or development.
 - (k) Selection of assistants either engineering, architects and builders, or by complete organization embracing each, or better, pass

the responsibility to the Austin

II. Construction

- 1. Construction to include proper:
- (a) Size and extent of plant.
 (b) Number and types of various
 - buildings.
 (c) Lighting, both artificial and nat-
- ural illumination.
 (d) Ventilation, preferably natural
- if possible.
 (e) Heating, lighting and plumbing,
- and allied lines.

 (f) Consideration of modern ten-
- dencies and procedures.

 (g) Utility without extravagance.
- (h) Permanency of structures.
- (i) Most practical floors for purposes indicated.

III. Production

- Depending upon proper selection of:
- (a) Dependable and economical labor saving devices.
- (b) Use of old equipment and selection of new.
- (c) Routing and process of manufacture.
- (d) Standard equipment when suited.
- (e) Warehouse and storage facilities.
 By reason of many years of experience

Austin is in a position to give real help in covering all these and other points vital to the successful and continued operation of the new foundry.

If the matter of financing the new venture is slowing up the development of what good business judgment dictates will be a paying establishment, Austin will give substantial assistance in this connection.

In short, Austin Service is complete, covering Financing, Planning, Design, Construction and Equipment.

The Old Foundry

Planning-Foresight vs. Hindsight

The foundry, now in operation which has outgrown its present quarters in some respect or which has become obsolescent through a change in product or processes, calls for rebuilding, enlargement, or expansion.

In making plans for needed expansion the possibility of further changes should be kept in mind. It is not saying too much to suggest that the ultimate reconstruction of the whole plant should be forecast and made one of the factors in the scheme for immediate necessary work.

Until this is done, and a layout made that will insure the co-ordination of future development work, no additions should be made to present facilities.

A building "tacked on" here or there just as it may happen to fit into the present plan may be found to be a misfit when the big job of reconstruction is begun.

Austin Engineers have been very successful in planning for conditions of this kind. The forward look when the foundryman begins to feel the need of setting his tent stakes a little further out, will save untold expense and insure lasting future satisfaction.

Foresight is always better than hindsight. Let the Austin Method provide the foresight.

Austin Versatility

A S concrete evidence of Austin Versatility in the planning, construction and equipment of the Foundry Complete we present on this and following pages some examples of the work done by Austin Engineers to meet the requirements of foundries of every type, large and small.

There is no guess-work or hit-or-miss about an Austin-Built Complete Foundry. If Austin installs an electric charging machine to feed the cupola of your foundry you may feel that it will be a profitable investment.

On the three pages immediately following are a number of views of installations of Material Handling Equipment of Austin design and construction, which have solved the problem of handling materials outside the foundry.

Material Handling—Outside the Foundry

Left



Right Elevator service in connection with yard storage. Materials handled by hand.

Left
Skip hoist used in conveying materials to charging floor, electrically operated. For small heats
single operator takes care of melt.



Plote 1003

Railroad service delivering materials to charging floor level. Various kinds of sand delivered to foundry through hatches shown between rails to storage bins below.

ing floor.

One of a number of Austin installations where ramp is used to convey materials to the charg-



Plate 1605

Railroad service delivering materials to charging floor level.

Material Handling—Outside the Foundry

Raw materials received by railroad service. Received and stored under cover. Elevated track provides unloading by gravity.



Monorail system giving through service for stor-ing materials on either side of the cupola house and delivering materials to the charging floor.

Overhead yard crane for serving open bins; also handling materials to charging deck.





Foreground. Yard crane service for storing flasks. Background. Similar service for un-loading and storing raw materials including delivery of materials to the charging floor.



Yard Crane serving charging deck of generous proportions suitable for medium size foundries.

Material Handling—Outside the Foundry



In the foreground can be seen sand storage building for moulding and core sands, served by overhead come with grab bucket. Back-

Expical arrangement of bins for storing coke and various kinds of sand. Metal stock carried



Showing covered portion of courts between units in a large combined foundry, permitting cores made in the building on the right to be transof weather conditions

Typical capola hour has ng charging trane for



Charging Systems

AND charging still prevails where either the tonnage is extremely small or the character of the work requires careful arrangement of the materials in the melting units.

Mechanical charging of moderate capacities permits the use of either electric magnets or charging buckets. In the case of larger capacities, charging buckets handled by mechanical means or charging cars side-dumped either pneumatically or electrically can be used.

The arrangement of the material storage yard, its limitations or amount of materials to be carried will many times determine which method should be used. In the majority of cases the selection should be made after careful study of the requirements giving due regard to costs and advantages of methods already used under similar conditions.

With the Austin Company's complete foundry service covering work from coast to coast, and the experience of installing practically every type already on the market the proper selection is ensured.

Particular regard should be given to the proper selection when operating under continuous melting as a uniform supply of materials is of most vital importance. The accompanying photographs illustrate a number of installations referred to.



Mechanical charging of cupola—cab control electrically operated.

Plate 1018

Mechanical charging of cupola with floor control

—electrically operated.

Typical Layouts for Charging Floors



Typical layout showing charging floor arranged for elevator service and hand charging of cupola suitable for small foundries.

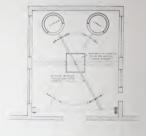
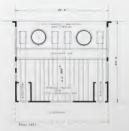


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Typical as augment of bucker charging machine suitable for serving either of two cupulas. Beam cotated by means of hand wireh as above.



straight ine mechanical charging for cupolas using preumatic tilting device for charging cars





Espical lasout for hand charging with pro-



Charging Systems

Right

Hand Charging arranged for elevator service.



Plate 1623

Cupolas charged from trucks operated by air



Right

Hand charging arranged for using lift truck served by either elevator or yard crane.



Mechanical charging using electric charging crane for handling materials directly from the yard into the cupola.



Showing the relation of the elevator in respect to the cupola.



Material Handling-Inside the Foundry

I NSIDE the foundry there are bulky and heavy materials to be handled—core and molding sands, flasks, patterns, cores and castings.

Whether electric cranes, overhead tramrail, telpher or conveyor systems shall be used depends upon analysis of the production schedule set up for the new plant, keeping always in mind provision for ultimate expansion and consequent increased leads.

The broad experience of Austin Foundry Engineers ensures the installation of the proper equipment for this very important job. This is proved by their success in the past.

A recent example of this may be found in the case of a large foundry job just completed where the following units were only a part of the work involved in equipping the Molding Department:

This was a combined Foundry requiring separate conditioning and conveying systems for

- a-Core Sands for Aluminum, Brass and
- b-Facing Sand for Iron Foundry.
- c—Fine Sand for Iron Foundry.
 d—Coarse Sand for Iron Foundry.
- e—Sand for Brass Foundry.
- g—Refuse Sand from each foundry to
- h—Reclaimed and reconditioned sands.

Also Drag and Gravity Conveyors for handling molds before and after pouring.



Material Handling-Inside the Foundry



Sand storage served by overhead crane for un-loading cars and serving bins and hoppers above mixers.



Showing distribution of core sand in combined foundry for handling work for Iron, Brass and Aluminum.

Right

Core Mixing Department, Minimum amount of labor required.



Left

Numerous electric cranes and complete monorail system for molding of medium weight.

Plate 1034

Core Making and Handling

THE Core Department is becoming one of the most important and intricate units of a foundry. This tendency may be the result of more complicated castings being turned out of the foundry or the desire to reduce the molding or other requirements.

This applies equally well to either pasting or mold drying ovens. All require careful planning and equipping.

For this reason an Austin group of Engineers is specializing on this, while other groups specialize on other department requirements

By this method well known for its efficiency, proper thought and attention can be given to each department to ensure satisfactory results

Where standard equipment does not meet special requirements, Austin Engineers will design the ovens and hardware to meet the conditions. A number of the accompanying illustrations are examples of Austin Complete Service.

Many of these layouts and selection of equipment necessitate time studies and careful calculation based upon work to be handled.





Core Making and Handling



Typical installation of metal type core ovens of car and transrack type suitable to many types of foundries.



Left

Core making department separated from core oven department by partitions to prevent gas nuisance. Core sand delivered to benches along galleries and through spouts shown.

Right

Designed to meet special requirements. Another example of unit construction under Austin Complete Foundry Service.



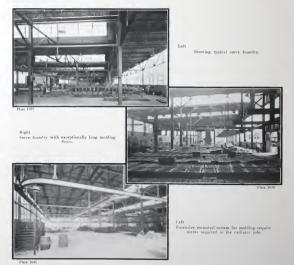
Left Typical oven arrangement for taking cores and molds for steel foundry use. Typical lift-type doors are illustrated.



Molding Systems-By Austin

WHEN providing molding facilities due regard must be given to modern development and practice. This applies to the arrangement and sizes of floors so that the best type of molding equipment shall be properly installed, thereby giving maximum production per square foot of floor space and still provide for future requirements.

Where sand cutting, conditioning, reconditioning or removal of waste is required, Austin, with its wide experience can help you in making the proper layout, selection and installation of equipment so that desired results can be correctly secured; with due regard to economy. Following illustrations show successful applications of the Austin Method.



Molding Systems—By Austin

View showing typical gray iron foundry arranged for continuous pouring using a combination of cranes and automatic trucks.



Showing the adaptability of Austin Standard No. 2 for medium size work,

Right

Gates shown are for delivering conditioned molding sand to the various molding floors where the molds are handled on gravity con-veyors and shaken out over floor gratings, continuous operation being required.



Showing Austin No. 2 modified or multiple aisles to meet special requirements.

Ventilation and Light for the Foundry

A PRIME consideration in the design of the foundry building is the provision for adequate ventilation.

Where pouring is continuous, it is certain that natural ventilation will not serve to clear the molding room of the smoke and gases continually rising from the molding floor. Artificial ventilation must be installed to

The illustrations following present Austin-Built Foundries in which unusually good ventilation has been secured under all conditions.



Left Incoming fresh air, heated, enters the foundry through the inlets along the various columns as shown, near floor level, and is expelled through the ventilating section of sash of the inverted roof. ("X" marks location of inlets).

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Right

Cross section typifying the method of obtaining complete ventilation by expelling the heavy foundry gaves by heated air entering through floor inlets. Arrows indicate the flow of air,



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Ventilation and Light for the Foundry





Left Showing adaptability of the Austin No 3 building to insure proper light and ventilation

Good ventilation obtained through use of standard monitor. Suitable for heavy foundries of exceptional height.





Exterior of Austin Modified Standard Building

showing type of roof and side wall sash selected to give an ahundance of light and proper venti-lation yet reducing the cubical contents of building.

Too much emphasis can hardly be placed upon the importance of selecting the proper size and type of equipment.

Many a well arranged foundry with improperly selected equipment is of constant annoyance and embarrassment to all concerned

Likewise a poorly arranged plant causing congestion and back tracking although properly equipped, is disastrous.

Finally, an over equipped or an under equipped plant is not a money maker.

It is the function of The Austin Company to so construct its foundries that they will be commercially right, thereby safeguarding against any of the above mentioned possibilities. To accomplish this The Austin Company has established a Complete Foundry Engineering Service. The Austin Company because of its wide scope of operation is constantly in touch with the development of new, also the workings of well established and tried equipment. Exact cost data is being constantly augmented by each additional Austin-Built Foundry so that, close estimates as to costs of installation or operation, can be quickly applied to new foundry problems.

The proper co-ordinating of departments, arrangement and selection of equipment can be quickly planned by the Austin Method.

Whether it be the selection of Cupolas, Electric Furnaces or other standard types of melting units, the most intricate core department requirement, the cleaning or shipping. Austin Equipment service can be advantageously used.

Austin wide experience in the planning and equipping of industrial plants of all kinds with heating, lighting, plumbing and power requirements, further benefits the foundry service.

Branch plants and warehouses are also a part of Austin Service.



Typical blower installation for direct connected unit having bottom discharge. Base supported on reinforced concrete floor designed for minimum vibration. Installed under Austin Complete Foundry Service



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Right
All fixed equipment shown, including elevator, industrial track, charging cars, etc., was specified, purchased and installed under the Austin Unit Responsibility Plan.



Plate 1

Right Complete sand mixing unit, including floor hopper, gratings and safety guards.



Cupola arrangement, showing skimming spout, blast pipe, and mezzanine floor for blower.

Cupola arrangement, showing reservoir ladle, blast pipe and mezzanine floor for blower. Monorail system for carrying metal is also



Notice protecting wall to safeguard men against cupola drop or other dangers encountered in cupola operations. All equipment shown was furnished by Austin Complete Foundry Service.



Left Construction view showing cupola and core ovens.

Plate 1058

Right

Showing another type of wall around cupola. Note numerous details shown during course of construction.



Left
Small foundry for medium size work, shown
prior to installation of cupola.

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Right Twin cupo

Twin cupolas with common reservoir ladle for



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construction.

Equipment—Austin Concrete Construction



Left

Reinforced concrete scrap bins served by overhead crane with electric magnet. Provision in background for installation of two large electric

Right
Type of separators for use in connection with

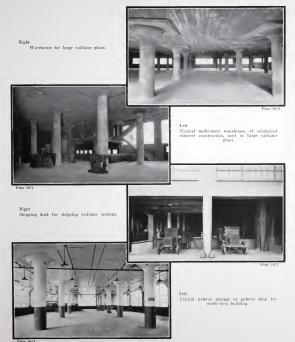
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Typical arrangement of dust arresters and supports for serving cleaning department of large

Dorehe

Reinforce come ete sar storage bins filled by







1 -6 For storing and handling lumber for pattern

Multi-story reinforced concrete building used for housing pattern storage, large pattern shop and suitable for manufacturing purposes if

Left

A large pattern shop using an Austin No 3

Right
This is an instration of one of the curve og systems installed by Asistin. Many other types of conveyors and elevators have been designe and installed for handing various materials such as melting sant refuse sand at etc.





Right Good illustration of the adaptability of the Austin No. 3 Standard Building to machine shop or light manufacturing work.



Many similar installations have been made by Austin. This is another example of Austin Complete Service.

Right

An Austin construction view showing other phases of Austin Service. Whether complete power plants, heavy concrete construction or specially designed steel, Austin is in a position to meet special requirements regardless of size.



A striking illustration of extreme requirementin heavy machine shop and foundry work. Note the 100 Ton crane at the upper level and 25 Ton cranes at the lower level.



Austin-built Steel Plants



Showing portion of electric steel foundry designed as a part of a large unit.



Winh trie furnaces for nouring ingots. Concrete storare him for raw materials appearing in the



One of Ohio's largest steel foundries, in which the casting weighing over 182,000 pounds, shown on the front cover of this book, was cast. Equipment includes 19 heavy duty granes



Designed with elevated charging platform for



An example of an Austin-constructed steel plant. This complete work included construction of the various buildings shown, extensive railroad track installation, together with elevated portion for coal storage.

Austin-built Brass Foundries

Right

One of the types of mold conveyors suitable for small brass foundry laid out, designed and built by Austin.



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An Austin No. 2 Standard Building used for small brass foundry.

Plate 1088

Right
Suitable building for a large brass or aluminum foundry.





Building construction giving maximum ventilation. Type usually required for brass ingot and rolling departments.

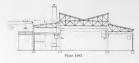
Plate 1070



Plate 1091

Small manufacturing plant for making and finishing brass castings.

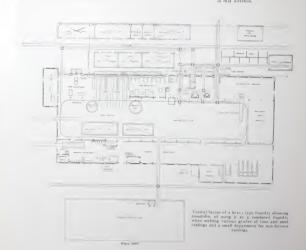
Foundry Layout



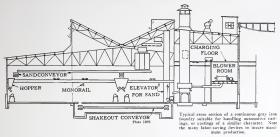
Cross-section of a typical, heavy type, gray iron foundry. Building designed and constructed for ahundance of light and ventilation without affecting utility.

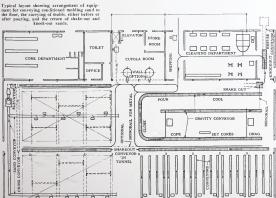


Front elevation showing the generous use of brick and steel sash for desired architectural treatment. Opposite end of building constructed of temporary materials to afford easy expansion in that direction.

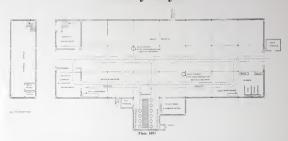


Foundry Layout

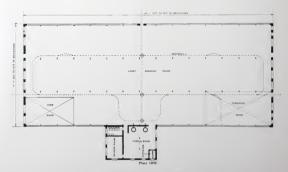




Foundry Layout



Typical layout showing arrangement of equipment suitable for a small brass or aluminum foundry, where it is desired to keep the melting department separate from the molding and other departments.



Typical layout of gray iron foundry making light-weight castings. Austin-designed, built and equipped,

The Combined Foundry

A MODERN development in foundry practice in which The Austin Company has played no small part is the Combined Foundry.

The Combined Foundry is the collection into one manufacturing unit of several such units as a gray iron foundry, a brass foundry, a steel foundry, or similar combinations.

The economies secured by such an amal-

gamation have been demonstrated in practice. These savings begin with the molding sand storage and are found in other departments through to the shipping room.

"The Advantages of Combined Foundries" is the ritle of a booklet which The Austin Company will be glad to send to any foundryman or manufacturer who may be interested. A postal card or letter will bring it.

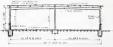


Plate 1099

Austin Standard Factory Buildings

Essential Materials for these buildings in Austin Stock



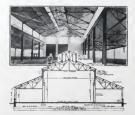


Austin No. 1 Standard, for small machine and light manufacturing shops. Width 60 ft. Length any multiple of 20 ft.



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Austin No. 2 Standard, for light machine shops, foundries, etc. Width 90 ft. Length any multiple of 20 ft.



Austin Nos. 5, 6 and 7 Standards, for machine shops and foundries. Center aisle approximately, 40 ft., 50 ft., 60 ft. wide, respectively. Side aisles, approximately, 30 ft. wide for each of these types.





8 Austin No. 8 Standard, multi-story mill-type building of steel and timber. Size any multiple of 16 ft. x 20 ft.

Austin Standard Factory-Buildings

More than half a million square feet of floor space is The Austin Company's normal stock of essential materials for these buildings.





3 Austin No. 3 Standard, Universal type for light manufacturing Width 100 ft. Length any multiple of 20 ft.





Austin No. 4 Standard, for general manufacturing shops, textile manufacturing, etc. Size can be any number of panels 2) ft. x 3) ft.





9 Austin No. 9 Standard, flat-slab reinforced con crete multi-story building. Size any multiple of 20 ft is 20 ft.



Austin No. 10 Standard, for heavy machine drop forge, foundries and railroad repair shops. With 15% ft. Length any multiple of 2% ft



Austin Complete Foundry Service

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A USTIN Complete Foundry Service means just this: At the very inception of your project you can call in an Austin representative who is prepared to consider your problems and determine what phase of Austin

Service is best applicable for your immediate needs. These preliminary studies and decisions then become a basis for further developments embracing any or all of the following branches of Austin Complete Foundry Service:

Layout Design Construction Equipment

Industrial Reports
Recommendations for

Installations Appraisals Extensions and
Plant Development

In other words, Austin Complete Foundry Service embraces every phase from the inception of the project to the pouring of the first heat, including the installation of any or all equipment; hence the term

"'FROM PLANS TO POUR,' by Austin."

Every step is handled under the Austin Unit Responsibility Plan, relieving you of the responsibility of any or all portions of the work in connection with your foundry project.

One Organization, working under One Contract, at a Guaranteed Fixed Price, with a Guaranteed Delivery Date, with Guaranteed Workmanship and Materials, and

Guaranteed Austin-specified Equipment, mean the foundry complete "From Plans to Pour," when and as promised.

If you are thinking now of building a new foundry, a combined foundry, or of enlarging and improving the old foundry, let an Austin Engineer talk it over with you before you go any further. Use the enclosed post card or send a letter briefly outlining what you have in mind.

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